

REMARKS


Claims 2-35 and 49-50 are pending in this application, with claims 2-10 and 49-50 allowed and claims 11-35 withdrawn. By this Amendment, claims 1, 36-43 and 47 have been canceled. In the Office Action dated December 21, 2004, claims 1, 36-43 and 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 36-43 and 47 were rejected as being anticipated by Okutsu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,433,623 "hereinafter Okutsu"). The cancellation of these claims renders this rejection moot.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney by telephone, if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the even that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing attorney docket number 108075-00054.

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